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BAILEY-QUAY PACT THOUGHT TO EXIST

Hand Apparently Shown in
the Statehood Fight Now
Waging in Senate—Effect
on Cuban Reciprocity.

An Extra Session of Con-
gress Likely on Account
of the Tied-Up Condition
of Legislation.

Clash Between Democrats
and Republicans, Which
Has Been Imminent, Not
to Occur Today—Devel-
opments Awaited.

Republican leaders in the Senate are endeavoring to determine whether a compact has been entered into by Senators Bailey and Quay for the purpose of opposing all important measures until they have been successful in compelling a vote on the Statehood bill. The proceedings yesterday strongly indicated that such an agreement had been made.

The attitude of the Statehood Senators on the Cuban reciprocity treaty, which will again come up in executive session today, will tend to prove the existence of such a program and show the length these Senators will go in their determined effort to be recognized in their fight for Statehood for Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Senator Bailey in one parliamentary controversy yesterday called attention to the fact that the Statehood bills had been pending for a much longer time than the Cuban treaty. The inference was that a vote on the Statehood bill might facilitate the ratification of the Cuban treaty. It is now feared the program being followed by the opposition to the Statehood bill, that of making long speeches the stumbling blocks, will be used by the Statehood advocates in retaliation on the Cuban treaty.

With the strained relations every day growing more pronounced, the probability of an extra session increases. The Democrats are all on the side of the Statehood measure. The Republicans on that side of the question are not behind the members of the minority party in their protest against being trodden upon. One of the Democratic leaders said today the only legislation they will let through is an anti-trust bill, and that must be something better than the whitewashed kind that is now in prospect. If anything of the character suggested by Attorney General Knox is offered it will be allowed plain sailing so far as Democratic opposition is concerned, but the Platt-Aldrich-Alison-Spooner big four act which may soon be introduced from the Committee on Interstate Commerce is contemplated with doubt.

The President is in favor of anti-trust legislation, and is equally interested in the ratification of Cuban reciprocity. It is believed the failure of Congress to enact legislation touching upon either would provoke him to again call the national law-makers together. If a trust bill is passed at this session, then an extra session of the Senate might be the only result. The Senate could be called into extra session for ten days for the ratification of the treaty.

It will take a bold stand on the part of the advocates of Statehood to bring about such a state of affairs. The importunities and blandishments of Senators having pet measures they want considered will soon turn from entreaties to demands and threats. Whether Senator Quay and his lieutenants can withstand such an onslaught remains to be seen. This force now insists that it has sufficient vote to pass the bill, and it is evident that the opposition fears the claim is true. If there is no weakening on the part of the Statehood Senators then a legislative tangle is assured and also an extra session of Congress, or of the Senate at least.

As the situation now stands, the appropriation bills are being held off. There will be a giving way for these if it does not interfere with the Statehood bill program. It is practically certain the Cuban treaty has been decided upon as the main measure to be used in re-

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

There will be rain or snow Wednesday in the middle Atlantic States. The temperature will rise slowly east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio tonight, and in the Atlantic coast districts Wednesday.

The wind along the middle Atlantic coast will be mostly north to northeast and fresh. Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh east to southeast winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 23
12 m. 25
1 p. m. 33

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 5:05 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:14 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 1:30 p. m.
Low tide today 8:29 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 1:52 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 8:55 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT DESIRES STRONG TRUST ACTION

No "Wishy-Washy" Legis-
lation Will Suit Him.

CONFERENCE WITH LEADERS

Does Not Wish Destructive Measure,
But Insists Upon Measure That
Will Meet Conditions.

President Roosevelt is leaving no opportunity unimproved to convince Senators that he desires not the mere semblance of anti-trust legislation, but a measure sufficiently comprehensive to deal thoroughly with the financial, industrial, and commercial complications popularly attributed to the existence of "trusts."

The President had a conference at the White House offices this morning with Attorney General Knox and Senators Aldrich of Rhode Island and Spooner of Wisconsin. All arrived early and remained in the President's room fully a half hour. The Attorney General was the first to leave, emerging through the private side entrance. Ten minutes later the two Senators left together in a cab for the Capitol.

According to trustworthy information the interchange of views between the President and these Senators was somewhat pointed. Senator Aldrich, as one of the Senate leaders, is locked to by some of the "protected interests" of the country to stave off legislation which would seem to them "offensive," "impracticable," and "ruinous." The President himself does not desire destructive legislation, but has let it be known—and, if reports be true, in no uncertain manner—that he regards a little legislation of the right sort is much more important at the present time than a wearisome repetition of referring bills to committees. In other words, the President feels that all the party leaders know well enough what is needed and is impatient with them when ever anything is suggested which savors of quibbling and delay.

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MINISTER BOWEN HAS AUTHORITY TO OFFER CUSTOMS AS PLEDGE

London Says Project Is to Be
Discussed in Washington.

BLOCKADE MAY BE RAISED

"Paris Francaise" Rejoices Over Repulse
of German Warship at Fort
San Carlos.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The statement that Minister Bowen has been authorized by President Castro to offer the Venezuelan customs as a guarantee for the fulfillment of his country's obligations is confirmed.

The offer has not yet been accepted, but it is thought here that it may afford the opportunity for a withdrawal of the blockade.

The matter will be considered by the European representatives at Washington on the arrival there of Mr. Bowen.

WARSHIP PANTHER READY
TO RENEW ATTACK ON FORT

CARACAS, Jan. 20.—The German warship Panther, which fired on Fort San Carlos, about twenty miles from Maracaibo, on Saturday, and withdrew when the fort replied, returned to the lake yesterday, and is now anchored off the town.

"PARIS FRANCAISE" GLEEFUL
OVER GERMAN REPULSE

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The "Francaise" figuratively chuckles over the reverse of the attack by the German gunboat Panther on Fort San Carlos, near Maracaibo.

It says that Germany's proud navy and superb sailors, after smashing defenseless ships, got into a place where they received more than they had bargained for. This incident has reduced to ridicule the Kaiser's desire to show what a fine navy he has. The paper concludes by saying:

"If President Roosevelt succeeds in arranging the Venezuelan matters, Germany and England ought to be grateful to him for saving them from a pretty pickle."

ATTACK PREMEDITATED,

MARACAIBO DISPATCH SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Maracaibo to the "Tribune World" says, "Despite denials issued by the German government, the attack on Fort San Carlos was premeditated."

"On the morning of January 17, the Panther sent three boatsloads of men to reconnoiter the fort. At noon the Panther crossed the bay and began the attack. One hundred and seventy shots were fired from the fort in the engagement. Several of them struck the Panther. There were two explosions aboard the ship and she was forced to turn about and steam out of the harbor. The vessel has retaken her position in the blockade line, twenty miles off the fort."

"In the engagement four Venezuelans were badly wounded and ten slightly hurt. Col. Martin Roman, as among those seriously hurt."

"It is supposed here that the Panther intended forcing the passage of the fort and then seizing and sinking the gunboat Miranda, which has evaded capture by the blockading squadron by remaining in Maracaibo harbor."

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The steamer Ballender, which signaled to the Nantucket Lightship late yesterday that her cargo was on fire and that she was short of coal, has not been heard from since.

Bell Bros. & McClelland, brokers and coal exporters, of Glasgow, are the owners. Their agents in this city say they have not heard anything about the vessel and did not know that she was on her way to this port.

The Ballender is a steel screw steamer of 2,735 tons. She was chartered to bring a cargo of coal here.

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ONE BILLION IN TAX ASSESSMENTS VOID BY COURT DECISION

Franchise Tax Law De-
clared Unconstitutional.

REVERSES LOWER TRIBUNAL

State Board Not Empowered to Value
City Real Estate by
Statute.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The special franchise tax law today, by a vote of 3 to 2, was declared unconstitutional by the appellate division of the supreme court of the third department.

The decision is in the case of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company against the valuation put upon its special franchises by the State tax commission.

This litigation was commenced before Supreme Court Justice Heffrick, by the big New York city corporations. He appointed the late chief judge of the court of appeals, Robert Earl, of Herkimer, as a referee to pass upon the question.

Referee Earl's Decision.

Referee Earl declared the law to be workable and constitutional in all respects. The only thing he found in favor of the corporation, was that the assessments, instead of at full value, should be at that percentage of full value as other real estate in the same locality is assessed.

Justice Heffrick affirmed Referee Earl's report pro forma so an immediate appeal could be taken to the appellate division. This appeal was argued there in December last, and today the appellate division handed down its decision reversing the order of Justice Heffrick, which approved Judge Earl's report, and vacating the assessment.

This litigation involves the proceeding of forty-seven distinct companies, and embraces all the street railway, gas, and electric companies of the city of New York. The total assessments on their properties amount to about \$137,000,000.

One Billion Affected.

The total assessments in the State affected by this decision approximate \$300,000,000, and as three years' taxes are now due, the total valuations affected exceed \$1,000,000,000. The tax which the State has at stake is upward of \$20,000,000.

The chief counsel for the corporation was David B. Hill, who argued that assessors of real estate under the State constitution must be appointed by the people of the locality; consequently, the appointment of a State board to value local real estate or special franchises, which are declared to be real estate by the statute, was unconstitutional.

It is mainly upon this point the court declared the law to be unconstitutional.

BERYL WHITNEY'S BROTHER HAS ROMANCE OF HIS OWN

Elopes With Girl Whose Mother Had
Imprisoned Her.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—J. Parker Whitney, son of a Boston millionaire and brother of Beryl Whitney, whose recent escapade at Miss Ely's school in New York has resulted in the announcement of her engagement to "Blondy" Graydon, the Harvard football expert, has had a little matrimonial romance of his own.

He is manager of his father's fruit ranch, one of the largest in California, and paid court to Daisy Parrott, daughter of a millionaire banker.

Mrs. Parrott did not like young Mr. Whitney's habits, and forbade him to visit her daughter. That made him very much in earnest, and he planned an elopement. Mrs. Parrott was told of the plans by her younger daughter, who had been sworn to secrecy, but betrayed the elopement.

Mrs. Parrott locked Miss Daisy in her room, but Mr. Whitney bribed a servant to release her. Mrs. Parrott espied the elopement as they boarded a street car, and gave chase. They distanced her, and were married by the Rev. Dr. Foute, at the Palace Hotel.

MANCHESTER EXPLAINS SEIZURE OF NECKLACE

The Duchess Thought Father Had Paid;
Mr. Zimmerman Thought She Had.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The Duke of Manchester, when seen in the Holland House this morning, consented to discuss the seizure of his baggage by a lawyer and a deputy sheriff yesterday afternoon.

The duke's baggage was seized because an attachment was secured against it by a jewelry firm, on the ground that the duke owed the firm \$695 for a pearl necklace, which is now in the possession of the duchess, and which has not yet been paid for.

"Mr. Zimmerman thought that her grace had paid for the necklace," said the duke, "and her grace thought that Mr. Zimmerman had paid. This jewelry firm never rendered a bill for the necklace, and that is how the whole thing occurred."

PRESIDENT MITCHELL AMBITIOUS TO ADVANCE CONDITION OF MINERS

Seeks Better Fellowship Be-
tween Labor and Capital.

WILL NOT ENTER POLITICS

Opposes Government by Injunction.
Device of Enemy—Annual Report
to Mine Workers' Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—In his annual report to the United Mine Workers' convention today, President Mitchell read a demand for higher wages, a substantial increase, on the ground that the operators are reaping rich profits.

He also took a firm stand for a run-of-mine basis, an advance in the wages of inside and outside day laborers, and the establishment of a fixed differential of 7 cents a ton on run-of-mine basis between pick and machine mining, this differential to cover the entire competitive field.

He called the attention of the miners to the fact that they now have in their national treasury a larger sum than was ever before accumulated in the treasury of a labor organization, and advocated allowing the permanent defense fund to grow "until it reaches such proportions that we can cope successfully with any emergency that arises."

He said that the time would come when all bituminous coal would be mined with machinery. There would be little abatement in the demand for coal in the next two years, he asserts, and predicted that coal used for steam purposes would bring higher prices in the future than it had in the past.

He made a complete review of the strike in the anthracite field, declaring it to be one of the greatest struggles in the history of labor. He reviewed the strikes in West Virginia and Virginia, and recommended continuing them. He also covered local strikes.

Mitchell commented on the fewer number of strikes and the growing mutual respect of operators and union miners as they better understood each other.

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COAL COMMITTEE TO END RELIEF LABORS

BOILER END BLOWS OUT
AND KILLS TWO MEN

Narrow Escape of Passengers on Lake Shore Limited.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Passengers on the Lake Shore Limited due in Albany at 5:45 p. m., had a narrow escape from death last night.

While the train was passing a point about two miles this side of Castleton, the locomotive of a southbound freight, which had left Ransselaer a short time before, and which was bound south had the cab end of its boiler blown out.

Engineer Patrick Kenny of Ransselaer and Fireman George W. Wollock, of Peekskill, lost their lives. They were blown from the cab 200 feet away into an adjoining field.

Charles Matton, of Ransselaer, head brakeman of the freight train, who was on the freight car nearest the wrecked locomotive at the time of the explosion, escaped with several cuts about the head.

HOPKINS ELECTED U. S. SENATOR TODAY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 20.—Albert J. Hopkins was elected United States Senator today.

The voting for Senator took place at 11 o'clock, each house voting separately. Senator John C. McKenzie in the senate and Dr. J. A. Wheeler in the house placed Mr. Hopkins in nomination. Seconding speeches were made by Senator Riley and Representative Shurtliff.

The Democratic candidate was Representative J. R. Williams.

FRENCH WARSHIP EPIEU, OF A NEW TYPE, LAUNCHED TODAY

HAVRE, Jan. 20.—The warship Epieu was launched today. The ship is of a new type, in most respects resembling a torpedo destroyer, only of greater dimensions.

With the improved conditions and the greater ease with which coal is secured not only here but elsewhere, interest in the proceedings of the coal strike commission is on the wane. At the meeting yesterday there were but eighteen spectators present, and six out of the thirty-four lawyers, representing all interests.

Baer's Denial.

President George F. Baer, of the Reading, has vehemently denied the statement that large quantities of coal is held up on his road. He asserted that not only was all coal moving promptly, but that there was no shortage of cars on the system. Yesterday's car reports showed that there were 3,900 on the line in excess of the demand.

Interest now seems centered in the outcome of the indictments returned yesterday by the Chicago grand jury against forty-five coal operators and retailers, charging them with conspiracy to do an illegal act, injurious to public trade. The securing of 10,000 tons of Welsh anthracite for delivery in Milwaukee February 10, to sell at \$9 a ton, has also attracted the attention of the local advocates of coal importations, who can see no reason why Washington should not have imported quantities of this coal months ago.

Receipts of coal in the city today continued satisfactory, and there is every indication that a sufficient surplus will be accumulated within the next week to meet any ordinary emergency that may arise.

DE BLOWITZ DISMISSED, SAYS VANCE THOMPSON

Turned Away by "London Times" Like
a Useless Old Horse.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The late M. Henri de Blowitz, who for many years was the Paris correspondent of the "London Times," confided the work of publishing his memoirs to Vance Thompson, the American journalist, author, and playwright.

In conversation yesterday Mr. Thompson said M. de Blowitz asserted that the "Times" had turned him off last January like an old horse that was of no further use. His dismissal seemed to have robbed him of all his nerve.

ALFONSO'S RETURN DELAYED BY ACCIDENT TO CARRIAGE

MADRID, Jan. 20.—An accident to King Alfonso's carriage caused great excitement in the court today. The King had been hunting and while returning his carriage stuck in a rut.

His majesty started out to walk to the palace, but was overtaken by his conveyance. He reached the palace a half hour later than expected and found his officials greatly excited over his delay.

LIST CLOSED FOR NEXT WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

Secretary Cortelyou announced today at the White House that, out of consideration for the comfort of the guests, the list for the judicial reception, to be held on the evening of January 22, was closed, and no additions could be made.

WOLVES DEVOUR ALL BUT CLOTHING OF HERDSMEN

VIENNA, Jan. 20.—Word was received here today that wolves had devoured two herdsmen and two peasants, women at Kupsinovo, Hungary. A few scraps of clothing were all that was found of the victims.

Adjourns Sine Die Today.
Report Will Be Withheld
for the Present, Lest Old
Tactics Should Be Renew-
ed by Operators.

Its Work Has Been Effectual in Frightening Con- spirators Into Compliance With Public Demands. Anthracite in Abundance.

The Senate subcommittee charged with investigating the coal situation concludes its labors today.

The hearing before Senator Stewart and the other members this afternoon took the form of an experience meeting. In response to the announcement that the committee would be pleased to listen to any grievances that the public at large might have, the committee room was well filled when the hearing began at 2 o'clock.

It was evident from the start that whatever the conditions may have been in the past, they are rapidly improving, and that little difficulty is now experienced by most people in securing sufficient coal to meet their needs. All of it is not sold at the cheap Reading prices, but even the premium coal of the independent operators is not commanding the prices which prevailed a few weeks ago.